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In re Patent Application of

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For: MICROORGANISMS THAT  
EXTRACELLULARY SECRETE LIPIDS  
AND METHODS OF PRODUCING  
LIPID AND LIPID VESICLES  
ENCAPSULATING LIPIDS USING SAID  
MICROORGANISMS

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**REQUEST TO ASSOCIATE PATENT APPLICATION  
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Sir:

The undersigned attorney of record hereby requests that the above-identified application be associated with the following PTO Customer Number of Burns, Doane, Swecker & Mathis, L.L.P.:

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The undersigned is an attorney of record pursuant to the Declaration and Power of Attorney for Patent Application which was originally filed with the application on April 13, 2001.

In the event that there are any questions relating to this request, it would be appreciated if the United States Patent and Trademark Office would contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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